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Item No. 12.1.2 (ii)
Audit & Finance Standing Committee
Dec 16, 2015

TO: Chair and Members of Audit & Finance Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Maggie MacDonald, Managing Director, Government Relations & External Relations

DATE: December 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Support for Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS)

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee - July 23, 2015:

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll

That the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report in regard to HRM entering into a 5-year service agreement with Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS) in regard to providing a yearly contribution of \$6,400.

Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee - November 19, 2015

It is recommended that CPED recommend to Regional Council that:

(1) a grant of \$6,400 per year, renewable annually for up to five years, be paid to Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS) beginning in the 2015-2016 fiscal year and continuing through the 2020-2021 fiscal year;

(2) the grant be paid through Destination Halifax; and

(3) Destination Halifax and DEANS sign an agreement on how the grant gets spent and reported on. From the Action Summary (Minutes not approved yet)

9.1.3 Support for Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS)

Staff recommendation approved.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter - CHAPTER 39 OF THE ACTS OF 2008 Sec 71(1) (c)

BACKGROUND

Full background for the DEANS support request is included in the original report to the November 19, 2015 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

(See <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCcped/documents/SupportforDEANSWebcopy.pdf>)

DISCUSSION

There is a detailed discussion in the November 19, 2015 CPED Report on DEANS.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Note that if the first year of the five year grant is 2015/16, the fifth and final year will be 2019/20 and not 2020/21 as included in the approved CPED recommendation.

Questions have arisen about the availability of funds to support the CPED adopted recommendation.

For 2015/16, \$6400 is available in E400 – Intergovernmental Relations as noted in the original report and confirmed on December 10 in an e-mail from the Executive Assistant in the Chief Administrator's Office.

For future years – 2016/17 through 2019/20 – provision will be made for these funds in the budget of Government Relations & External Affairs as part of the budget of the Chief Administrator's Office. Those funds will be subject to budget approval and, of course, the continued existence of and satisfactory performance by DEANS.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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